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I am a computer scientist and engineer fascinated with the design, implementation, and deployment of resilient and high performance distributed systems. My focus area for nearly two decades has been data and communication system software for high performance computing. Over that time I have participated in and lead the development of a number of algorithms and open source software packages for scientific computing.

Professional Preparation

Clemson University, Clemson, SC	Computer Engineering, Focus: Computer Architecture	Ph.D., 2000
Clemson University, Clemson, SC	Computer Engineering, Minor in Math Science	B.S., 1994

Appointments

2014–present	Senior Computer Scientist	Mathematics and Computer Science Division, Argonne National Laboratory
2004–2014	Computer Scientist	Mathematics and Computer Science Division, Argonne National Laboratory
2012–present	Senior Fellow	Northwestern–Argonne Institute for Science and Engineering, Northwestern University and Argonne National Laboratory
2011–present	Senior Fellow	Computation Institute, The University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory
2004–present	Adjunct Assistant Professor	Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Clemson University
2004–2011	Fellow	Computation Institute, The University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory
2002–2004	Assistant Computer Scientist	Mathematics and Computer Science Division, Argonne National Laboratory

Current Activities

Darshan I/O Characterization Tool

Lightweight tool for observing the I/O behavior of HPC applications at the largest scales.

CODES Simulation Framework

Parallel discrete event simulation framework, building on RPI's ROSS system, that enables high fidelity simulation of complex distributed storage systems.

Triton Distributed Storage System

Prototype, under development, of an object based, distributed storage system for use in computational and data intensive science.

SciDAC Scalable Data Management, Analysis, and Visualization Institute (SDAV)

Deputy Director, working with computational scientists and other experts in scientific data management and analysis to support data management solutions for DOE computational science applications.

DOE Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research Extreme Scale Systems Research

ASCR lead for Data Management for extreme scale computing, providing guidance and coordinating research activities in this area along with NNSA co-lead.

Argonne Math and Computer Science Division Data Strategy

Strategic Area Lead, working with computer scientists and applied mathematicians to develop division strategy for Big Data and data-driven science research and development in support of the DOE mission.

Honors and Awards

2011	LSAP 2011 Best Paper award for “Visual Analysis of I/O System Behavior for High End Computing”
2011	MSST 2011 Best Paper award for “Understanding and Improving Computational Science Storage Access through Continuous Characterization”
2009	EuroPVM/MPI 2009 Outstanding Paper award for “Processing MPI Datatypes Outside MPI”
2008	Clemson University College of Engineering and Science Outstanding Young Alumni
2005	R&D 100 Award Winner for MPICH2
2004	Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers Dept. of Energy Office of Science Early Career Scientist and Engineer Award
2000–2002	Argonne National Laboratory Enrico Fermi Scholar
1999	USENIX 2000 Best Paper award for “PVFS: A Parallel File System for Linux Clusters”
1996–1999	NASA Graduate Student Research Program Fellow

Professional Activities

IDC Technical Computing Advisory Panel 2014
IPDPS PC 2014, reviewer 2002, 2007
IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Grid Computing (CCGrid) PC 2015
Workshop on Many-Task Computing on Clouds, Grids, and Supercomputers (MTAGS) PC 2014
IEEE Conference on Massive Data Storage (MSST) PC 2013–2014
Parallel Data Storage Workshop (PDSW) General Chair 2013, Steering Committee 2013–2014, PC Chair 2012, PC 2009–2014
IEEE Transactions on Computers reviewer 2013
NSF PRObE steering committee 2011
International Workshop on Runtime and Operating Systems for Supercomputers (ROSS) PC 2011–2014
IEEE Cluster steering committee 2010–2013; PC 2003, 2006, 2009–2011, 2015; reviewer 2002
International Workshop on Data Intensive Computing in the Cloud (DataCloud) PC 2013
Workshop on Big Data Management in Clouds PC 2013
USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies (FAST) PC 2011; reviewer 2005
IEEE Symposium on Large Scale Data Analysis and Visualization (LDAV) PC 2011–2012
EuroMPI PC 2010–2012; session chair 2006
HotStorage PC 2012
NSF review panelist 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012
NSF external reviewer 2011
International Conference on Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques (PACT) reviewer 2012
SciDAC Center for Scalable Application Development Software (CScADS) Workshop organizer 2008–2011
International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS) PC 2010
International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Systems (ICPADS) PC 2010
SciDAC Conference PC 2006, 2009, 2010
IEEE Transactions in Parallel and Distributed Systems reviewer 2003–2010
Computational Science and Discovery editorial board 2010
Workshop on Interfaces and Abstractions for Scientific Data Storage (IASDS) workshop chair 2009
International Journal of High Performance Computing and Applications (IJHPCA) reviewer 2009, 2011–2012

Programmable File Systems Workshop PC 2014
 DOE/ASCR 2007 Visualization and Analytics Workshop co-chair
 SC storage co-chair 2011; PC 2004, 2007–2009, 2012–2013; reviewer 2003
 DOE Office of Science ASCR PI Meeting steering committee 2008
 International Conference on Parallel Processing (ICPP) PC 2007, 2009, 2013
 DOE SBIR reviewer 2007, 2009
 International Journal of Computers and Their Applications (IJCA) reviewer 2006
 Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing reviewer 2003, 2006
 Journal of Parallel Computing reviewer 2005
 High Performance Distributed Computing Conference reviewer 2005
 DOE Office of Science Early Career Principal Investigator program reviewer 2005
 NASA Computing, Networking, and Information Systems R&D activities reviewer 2004
 Special issue of Cluster Computing Journal reviewer 2003
 DOE Office of Science Early Career program reviewer 2002

Supervisory and Mentoring Activities

- Ph.D. thesis committee member for Philip Carns (2005), Murali Vilayannur (2005), Avery Ching (2007), Dries Kimpe (2008), Sumit Narayan (2010), Arifa Nisar (2010), Jing Fu (2012), Zhiwei Sun (2013), Misbah Mubarak (TBD), Michael Kasick (TBD), and Huong Luu (TBD)
- Software programmer supervisor 2003–present
- Postdoctoral researcher supervisor 2004–present
- Summer student supervisor 2001–present

Book Chapters and Journal Articles

- [1] J. Jenkins, X. Zou, H. Tang, D. Kimpe, R. Ross, and N. F. Samatova. RADAR: Runtime asymmetric data-access driven scientific data replication. In *Supercomputing*, pages 296–313. Springer International Publishing, 2014.
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- [13] R. Latham, R. B. Ross, and R. Thakur. Implementing MPI-IO atomic mode and shared file pointers using mpi one-sided communication. *Int'l Journal of High Performance Computing Applications*, 21(2):132–143, Summer 2007.
- [14] A. Ching, A. Choudhary, W. K. Liao, R. Ross, and W. Gropp. Evaluating structured I/O methods for parallel file systems. *International Journal of High Performance Computing and Networking*, 2:133–145, 2004.
- [15] R. B. Ross and W. B. L. III. Server-side scheduling in cluster parallel I/O systems. In C. Cerin and H. Jin, editors, *Parallel I/O for Cluster Computing*, pages 157–178. Kogan Page Science, Sterling, VA, 2004.
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- [11] J. Lofstead and R. Ross. Insights for exascale IO APIs from building a petascale IO API. In *Proceedings of SC13: International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis*, page 87. ACM, November 2013.
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